Due to poor patronage and continued loss, pantry car service from Dakshin Express had been withdrawn from 1-5-1989. Continuous efforts are being made to upgrade the provision of catering services by enlisting vigorous measures.

Extension of Kanyakumari Bangalore Express upto Mysore

1223. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI :
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to increase the speed of Kanyakumari-Bangalore Express train and extend the same to Mysore; if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government propose to introduce a new train between Kanyakumari and Mysore via Alleppey in order to expand tourist traffic in the region; and

(c) if the answer is negative, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Due to operational constraints and lack of commercial justification.

Introduction of a new Superfast Train between New Delhi-Madurai via Jolarpet

1224. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN :
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a Super Fast Train between New Delhi and Madurai via Jolarpet in broadgauge line in the near future; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA) : (a) There is no proposal at present.

(b) Not commercially justified.

Relaxation in age for candidate appearing in the Railway Examination

1225. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to relax the age limit for candidates appearing in the Railway Examination at par with other Central Government departments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA) : (a) to (c) The rules for relaxation of upper age limit in respect of SC/ST candidates, physically handicapped candidates, ex-servicemen, etc. and also serving Government employees (working in the Railways) for direct recruitment as laid down by Department of Personnel & Training, the nodal Department in these matters, are being followed on the Railways.

कानपुर के गोविन्दपुरी रेलवे स्टेशन पर प्लेटफार्म का विस्तार सम्बन्धी कार्य

1226. चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि: